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SUBJECT: NATO SCIENCE: PROPOSED COOPERATIVE RESEARCH IN
THE FIELD OF MARITIME REMOTE SENSING.

1. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW TEXT OF ASG.SEA(77)258 WHICH WAS
SENT TO MEMBERS OF THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE BY ASYG OZDAS.
ANNEX HAS BEEN MAILED TO OES CRAWFORD.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE HAS GIVEN SOME CONSID-
ERATION OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS TO PROMOTING CO-OPERATIVE
RESEARCH AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF REMOTE
SENSING. DURING THE LAST TWO MEETINGS THE COMMITTEE HAS
DISCUSSED POSSIBLE COORDINATED RESEARCH PROJECTS IN THE
FIELD OF MARITIME REMOTE SENSING IN THE REGION OF THE NORTH
SEA. I SHOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ON
FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS PARTICULARLY WITH A VIEW TO DISCUSSIONS
WE SHALL HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT DURING THE 2-3 FEBRUARY 1978
MEETING.

AT ITS LAST MEETING, THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME PANEL ON AIR-SEA
INTERACTION DECIDED TO SPONSOR A WORKSHOP TO BE HELD IN
HAMBURG ON 13 AND 14 DECEMBER, 1977 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP
OF PROFESSOR K. HASSELMANN, TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF
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CONDUCTING AN AIR-SEA INTERACTION EXPERIMENT IN THE NORTH
SEA IN THE SUMMER OF 1979. THIS EXPERIMENT WOULD TEST
REMOTE SENSING TECHNIQUES IN CONJUNCTION WITH DATA PROVIDED
BY SATELLITES SEASAT A AND NIMBUS G. THE GOALS OF THE
MEETING ARE DESCRIBED IN THE LETTER OF INVITATION WHICH
PROFESSOR HASSELMANN HAS ADDRESSED TO INTERESTED SCIENTISTS
IN NATO COUNTRIES, AND IN THE MEMORANDUM MARSEN I-

NORTH SEA 79 EXPERIMENT, WHICH ARE AT ANNEX.

AT THE MOST RECENT MEETINGS OF THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE THE NEED TO HAVE A BROADER INVESTIGATION OF REMOTE SENSING CAPABILITIES THAN WAS FORESEEN IN PROFESSOR HASSELMANN'S SPECIFIC EXPERIMENT WAS DISCUSSED. IN THIS SITUATION, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO OFFER THOSE PRESENT AT THE HAMBURG MEETING THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSSING OUTLINES OF OTHER EXPERIMENTS WHICH MIGHT POSSIBLY BENEFIT FROM THE CATALYTIC ACTION OF THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE.

FOR THIS PURPOSE, PROFESSOR HASSELMANN HAS AGREED TO HOST AN AD HOC MEETING ON 15TH DECEMBER OF THE SAME EXPERTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE WORKSHOP ON 13/14 DECEMBER. A FEW REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WILL ALSO ATTEND. WE SHOULD BE PLEASED TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO OTHER SCIENTISTS WHO COULD CONTRIBUTE USEFULLY TO THE DISCUSSIONS, KEEPING IN MIND THAT THE SIZE OF THE MEETING SHOULD BE KEPT REASONABLY SMALL. YOUR REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY WELCOME AT THE AD HOC MEETING ON 15TH DECEMBER, AS WELL AS THE 13/14 DECEMBER WORKSHOP. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT A COORDINATION MEETING OF SEASAT USERS WILL ALSO BE SPONSORED BY THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY AT THE SAME LOCATION ON 16 DECEMBER.

IT IS HOPED THAT THE PROPOSALS WHICH WILL BE DEVELOPED
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AT THE 15 DECEMBER, 1977 MEETING, WOULD FACILITATE THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE ITEM ON MARITIME REMOTE SENSING DURING THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE. END TEXT.
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